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1 AN ACT Relating to changing the inflation adjustment index for 2 state salary allocations to schools; and amending RCW 28A.400.205.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 Sec. 1. RCW 28A.400.205 and 2018 c 266 s 206 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1) School district employees shall be provided an annual salary 7 inflationary increase in accordance with this section.

8 (a) The inflationary increase shall be calculated by applying the rate of the yearly increase in the inflationary adjustment index to 9 10 any state-funded salary base used in state funding formulas for 11 teachers and other school district employees. Beginning with the 12 2019-20 school year, each school district shall be provided an grant this 13 inflationary adjustment allocation sufficient to 14 inflationary increase.

15 school district shall distribute its (b) А inflationary 16 adjustment allocation for salaries and salary-related benefits in 17 accordance with the district's collective bargaining agreements and 18 compensation policies. No later than the end of the school year, each 19 school district shall certify to the superintendent of public 20 spent funds provided for inflationary instruction that it has 21 increases on salaries and salary-related benefits.

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1 (c) Any funded inflationary increase shall be included in the salary base used to determine inflationary increases for school 2 employees in subsequent years. For teachers and other certificated 3 instructional staff, the rate of the annual inflationary increase 4 funded for certificated instructional staff shall be applied to the 5 6 base salary used with the statewide salary allocation methodology established under RCW 28A.150.410 and to any other salary allocation 7 methodologies used to recognize school district personnel costs. 8

9 (2) For the purposes of this section, "inflationary adjustment 10 index" means((, for any))<u>:</u>

11 (a) For the 2023-24 school year, 3.8 percent; and

12 (b) Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, the implicit price 13 deflator for ((that fiscal)) the calendar year prior to the beginning 14 of the school year, using the official current base, compiled by the 15 bureau of economic analysis, United States department of commerce.

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